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Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
HARDENED PARTS FROM SHEET  
STEEL

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**AMENDMENT D**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the *Ex parte Quayle* Office Action dated October 13, 2011, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.